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Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation Division

Public Planning Workshop to be Held for Proposed Riverside State Vehicular Recreation Area

BEAUMONT -- The Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division of California State Parks will conduct a public planning workshop for the proposed Riverside State Vehicular Recreation Area on Thursday, March 10, 2005, State Park officials said today.

The workshop will be held at the City of Beaumont Civic Center, 550 West 6th St.

Members of the public are invited to come to the workshop any time between 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. and speak with members of the planning team. The workshop is designed to be an open forum with the same information and opportunity for input provided throughout the evening. A formal presentation will not be given.

The use of off-highway motor vehicles is increasing throughout California. With only two State Vehicular Recreation Areas in southern California, there is a growing demand for a centrally located off-highway vehicle park to serve the residents of Riverside, San Bernardino and Orange counties, State Park officials said.

"The Riverside State Vehicular Recreation Area presents a unique opportunity to provide high-quality recreation and natural and cultural resource protection for an area that has a desperate need due to an increase in off-highway vehicle sales and a decrease in the availability of legal riding areas," said Daphne Greene, Deputy Director of the OHMVR Division.

California State Parks is preparing a General Plan for the proposed Riverside SVRA and is requesting the public's input in planning the direction of the park's future. The General Plan will define a long-term vision for the park, identify desired facilities and improvements and provide guidelines for protecting its natural and cultural resources.

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